

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's Amendment and Remarks filed on July 5, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-26.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 31 October 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1 to 26 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The Examiner withdraws all of the objections presented in the first Office action in view of applicant's remarks and amendments filed on July 5, 2005. The prior art search has not produced any references which teach, suggest, or disclose applicant's claimed fusion welding method for welding a first member with a second member wherein: **(a)** the first member is made of a first metal free of at least one identified element that can form a continuous layer of a brittle intermetallic compound; **(b)** the second member is made of a second metal that includes at least one identified element that can form a continuous layer of a brittle intermetallic compound; and **(c)** the welding method utilizes an appropriate amount of energy for a particular time period which heats the interface surfaces of the first and second member to a fusion welding temperature such that a continuous layer of a brittle intermetallic compound does not form at the interface surfaces. In order to control the extent of formation of any brittle intermetallic compounds at the interface surfaces, applicant's method claims require that the fusion welding temperature is generated for a time selected to be sufficient to heat the interface surfaces and achieve fusion welding and to be less than the time that enables formation of the continuous layer of a brittle intermetallic compound at the interface surfaces. Also, the prior art search has not produced any references which teach, suggest, or disclose applicant's claims to a welded article comprising a first member made of a first metal free of at least one identified element that can form a continuous layer of a brittle intermetallic compound, a second member made of a second metal that includes at least one identified element that can form a continuous layer of a brittle intermetallic compound, and a fusion-welded region of the first and second members that is free of a continuous layer of a brittle intermetallic compound.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Robert Koehler whose telephone number is **(571) 272-1536**. The Examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday to Friday from 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM. The Examiner can also be reached on alternate Mondays.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Deborah Jones, can be reached on **(571) 272-1535**. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **703-872-9306**.

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